

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 7, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 4a is an enlarged view of ~~segment A~~ area 4a from FIG. 3;

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 8, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 3 shows a segment from a longitudinal section through the fuser roller 3. Shown here, in particular, is a connecting point between a flange 11 and the body 12 of the fuser roller 3. A connecting point can be seen in the area ~~of the segment A~~ 4a of FIG. 3. The connection of the flange 11 and the body 12 is established via a connecting element 13. A more descriptive view of this connecting point can be seen in FIG. 4a. The flange 11 is shaped such that it fits into the body 12. The diameter of the part that fits in the inside is sufficient to virtually fill up radially the hollow space of the body 12. The diameter of the flange 11 decreases toward the end of the body 12. A free space thus exists between the flange 11 and the inner side of the body 11, which is large enough to hold the connecting element 13, whereby the connecting element 13 rests specifically in an annular groove 14 in the body 12.

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 8, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

The ~~segment A in area 4a from~~ FIG. 3 shows the area in which the connection between the flange 11 and the body 12 is made. The connecting element 13, in particular, is located here. An enlarged view of this segment is shown in FIG. 4a. For reasons of clarity, the spring plate 29 is not shown in FIG. 4a.